FRAUD IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TEACHERS CHEATING THEIR AS SISTANTS OUT OF PAY

An Agricultural College Student Injured by a Street Car - Hatteras Lightship Weathers the Storm - Russell Being Laughed at for His Self Interview on Free Passes-Reward Offered for Convic- the corner of Seventh and Chestnut tion of Persons Who Punished the Unruly Elephant

> Messenger Bureau, Raleigh, N. C., October 27.

The state superintendent of public instruction in an address issued today to county supervisors, says no person save those with certificates from supervisors should be permitted to teach as assistants in the public schools. He finds instances in which principals are paid \$40 to \$50 a month out of the public funds, with the understanding that the principal teachers were to furnish their own assistants, the latter being pupils taken from the schools and not qualified for the work. The superintendent says: "Away with the idea that any one can teach the primary grades. This is the most difficult work and it is a gross injustice to allow the children to be imposed on by being placed in the care of the person who can be secured by the principal for the least money. In one case a principal found to their horror that it was imdrew \$20 a month for an assistant, possible to reach the stairs, as the whom he paid only \$10. In some of our counties a teacher's certificate does not mean much; but be sure the children get the benefit of what it does mean. The committee should make a contract with an assistant just as with a principal,"

Governor Russell commissions Judge Robinson to hold a special civil term of Duplin court. Not so many calls for state convicts

by counties to do work on public roads

have been made as were expected. This morning Samuel Wait, a student at the Agricultural and Mechanical college, was injured while attempting to get on a street car. During the vacation he was a conductor on the car line. This morning he attempted to get on the front platform of a car which was quite near the capitol square, but caught it with only one hand. His feet were under the car and he was dragged forty-five feet. The car did not run over his body. His head was slightly cut, his hip injured and one foot crushed so that part of it may have to be amputated. The accident was entirely due to his own

Mr. Norton, an architect, of Durham, who was so seriously hurt by a railway train there last year, sues the Southern railway for \$20,000 damages. The case comes up here.

The news that the new lightship off Cape Hatteras held her own during the late great storm is very gratifying. Seas break there in thirty feet of

The weather bureau has lately been away off the mark in some of its predictions. Today fair weather was predicted, but instead there were the lowering clouds which have marked the past eight days. There has been no sunshine since last Thursday afternoon. The streets are as muddy now as they usually are in winter.

Some cotton is now being shipped foreign from here, the first this season. There were large sales of lands here yesterday, and the prices obtained were about two-thirds those paid ten

vears ago. Judge Ewart in a charge to a grand jury, says purely complimentary free passes are not prohibited by law. People can't understand why Governor Russell should have written the socalled interview with himself about free passes. He was not called on to make a statement. He is laughed at by people in all parties. There is nothing but absurdity in the matter, people

The attitude of one of the supreme court judges in regard to the Otho Wilson railway commission case is guessed at as unfavorable to Wilson. It is said that the governor thinks two judges favorable to his views in the matter. John P. Harris, president of the

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, offers \$100 reward for the arrest and conviction of the persons who tortured by fire the elephant "Cincinnati" belonging to Robinson & Franklin Bros. circus, at Greensboro last week. Dr. H. M. Ballard, of Asheville, president of the state of a manual training school in Pullsociety, is notified of the offer of the reward.

A Surry county man was divorced at 9 o'clock one day last week, walked twelve miles to his home and got his best clothing, walked ten miles to the court house and got a marriage license, then walked ten miles to the home of a widow, whom he married at 9 o'clock

The supreme court files the following Collins vs. Swansen, from Franklin,

Carey vs. Allgood, from Craven, pro

ceeding dismissed for want of jurisdiction in the court below. Benton vs. Collins, from Franklin, ap-

peal dismissed. State vs. Rebertson, from Wake, affirmed. Bright vs. Marcom, from Wake, er-

Burrus vs. Insurance Company, from Craven, new trial.

Monroe vs. Fuchtler, from Wayne affirmed. Johnson vs. Marcom, from Wake, er-

Scott vs. Smith, from Wayne, injuncgion dissolved and action dismissed.

Death of Duchess of Teck

Richmond, England, October 27 .- The duchess of Teck, cousin of Queen Victoria, sister of the duke of Cambridge and mother-in-law of the duke of York, died at the White Lodge here at 3 o'clock this morning. She was born November 27, 1833, and was married on June 12, 1866, to Prince Francis, duke of Teck (eldest son of Prince Alexander of Wurtemburg), who was born August 27, 1837.

Sarsaparilla has wonderful strengthgiving power.

A DISASTROUS FIRE

The White Stone Building in St. Louis Burned-Narrow Escape of Eight Lady Nearly \$1,900,000

St. Louis, October 27.-A lighted cigarette dropped by a thoughtless clerk is supposed to have caused the fire which this afternon practically gutted the White Stone building at streets, occupied by the general offices

of the Wabash railroad. At 1:25 o'clock, just after the clerks had returned from their noon recess, and were beginning work, a policeman standing on the corner below noticed a window in the Fifth story of the building, which was used as a storage attic. Instantly a puff of dense black smoke followed and the officer rushed into the building shouting the alarm. Instantly there was a confused rush for every means of exit. Fortunately the stairways were wide, the building in former years having been used for the public school library and the polytechnic institute.

The attic was stored with old papers and documents, and within five minutes was a roaring furnace. The whole floor seemed to suddenly burst into flame in every part. During all this excitement seven young women employed in one of the inner mailing rooms on the fourth floor had not been ntified and were still wrking, unconscious of their peril. When they did discover their situation, they stairway was burning fiercely. They appeared at the window and a horror went up from the streets.

"The fire escape," shouted the crowd, and the young women comprehending, disappeared and a moment later climbed out on the iron platform of the escape. They hesitated, but advancing flames gave them determination and they started on their descent, reaching the street in safety as a thundering cheer went up.

With the first alarm, the real estate agents, who ccupied the lower floor, began removing their books and papers. Everything that could be gotten out was taken across the street to the new Wright building.

Fire Chief Swingley sent in a general alarm, but owing to the narrow street and the net work of wires, it required fifteen minutes to hoist and train the stand pipes. By this time, the two top floors of the building were doomed and it was apparent that the entire building must go. An order was given to cut the electric wires. Dense throngs blocked every thoroughfare. Without warning, the wires were clipped and in an instant the throngs were madly falling back as flashes of blue and yellow lightning spluttered from the ends of the deadly wires that came falling to the ground. Nobody was injured, but a wire struck a fire horse, killing it in its tracks. At 1:50 o'clock the roof fell with a crash sending burning embers into the air which fell on adjoining buildings and started fires, but prompt measures prevented further conflagration.

A. R. Field a clerk, was carrying some books from the first floor when the crash came. Flying debris struck him on the head, tearing it open down to the eyes and nose.

At 2:30 o'clock the fire, though still burning fiercely, was practically under control, and at 5 o'clock, with the exception of patches of burning embers, had been extinguished. An officer of the Wabash Company estimates their loss at \$500,000. Statements place the valuation of the building at \$400,000. The Wabash company had occupied new quarters before the fire was under control.

The Will of G. M. Pullman

Chicago, October 27.-The will of G M. Pullman, was filed for probate this afternoon. To his widow he left the homestead on Paririe avenue. Sufficient funds are also set aside to provide her with an income of \$50,000 yearly during her life. One million, each is left in trust for his two daughters. Mrs. Frank O. Lowden, of Chicago and Mrs. Carolan of San Francisco. Aa income of but \$3,000 yearly is provided for his two sons, George M. Pulman, Jr., and Sanger W. Pullman. Mrs. Lowden is also given the summer residence known as Castle Rest on an island in the St. Lawrence river. About \$150,000 in sums of \$10,000 and \$20,000 is left to various charitable institutions in Chicago. A sum of \$200,000 is given for the erection man, which is also endowed with \$1,-200,000. Five old employees are given \$5,000 each. Two sisters and two brothers of the dead millionaire are given \$50,000 each and another brother gets

If the estate shall be more than sufficient to satisfy all the devises, trusts and legacies named, the executors are directed to divide the excess into two equal shares and add the same respectively to the two portions set aside for the daughters, Mrs. Lowden and

Mrs (Carolan. The total value of the estate is shown by the petition for letters testamentary to be \$7,600,000. Of this amount \$6,-800,006 is personal property and \$800,-000 realty. Attorney Runnells, who prepared the will said that these figures are a conservative but fair estimate of

the value of the estate.

Politics in Spain Madrid, October 27 .- The constitutional conservative party, while condemning Hiegal action, has decided to constitutionally oppose the granting of an autonomous form of government to ghe island of Cuba. It was announced that the autonomists of Porto Rico had demanded that the autonomist scheme of the government be extended to the The cavalry squadron at Logan is diisland of Porto Rico.

The cabinet sat four hours this evening and night and discussed all the aspects of the Cuban question, both in relation to the United States and to the finances, which, according to Senor Puigcerver, the minister of finance. offer less serious complications than

have been reported. Lieutenant General Weyler, has After serious illness, like typhoid cabled the government renewed assurfever, pneumonic, or the grip, Hood's ances of his loyalty and of his inten- Tresday, to cast his vote in the state tion to prevent all demonstrations on election, soon after which he would go ways reliable, easy to take, easy to his departure from Cuba.

MINISTER DE LOME

Clerks - One Person Killed - The Loss SPEAKS CONERNING AUTONOMY POLICY FOR CUBA

> He Gives a Sketch of the Development of the Autonomy Idea and Growth of the Autonomist Party-The Plans the New Ministry Have Agreed Upon for Government of the Island-To Have Universal Suffrage and to Form Part of a Spanish

Federation

Washington, October 27.-The Spanish minister. Senor Dupuy de Lome, consented for the first time today to speak concerning the policy of autonomy which a small tongue of flame shoot out from the Spanish government proposes to apply to Cuba. This has been referred to in general terms since the advent of the Sagasta ministry, but there has been lack of authentic details. Before leaving for New York today, where the minister and his family will spend several weeks, Senor Dupuy de Lome gave the evolutions through which autonomy has passed, leading up to the present policy, and the general outline of the policy

Under the provisions of the treaty of Zanjon, concluded in 1878, at the close of the last Cuban disturbance, it was provided that Cuba was to enjoy the same liberties as those accorded to the island of Porto Rico. This latter island had the same liberties as those of any section of track fully as extensive as province of Spain. This brought the autonomist party, so called, into existence, its essential principle being that of self government for Cuba and not treating Cuba as a province of Spain, as was the system in Porto Rico. That party adopted a platform and in 1886 offered a complete programme of autonomy for the consideration of the country. A peaceful agitation of this autonomy programme was then inaugurated. In 1893, for the first time, a minister in a liberal cabinet, Senor Maura, saw the first mistake of that system of rule known as "assimilation," which treated Cuba as a Spanish province, and he presented a plan of eform. This was strongly oppo after two years of discussion it was found impossible to put the plan through the cortes. Then a compromise reform measure was framed which acknowledged the personality of Cuba as a separate body, but under the Spanish flag. These reforms having been considered insufficient on account of the state of the island, Premier Canovas proceeded to greatly enlarge them, his plan being, however, short of absolute autonomy. Now Mr. Moret, minister of the colonies in the new cabinet, fulfills the promise of the liberal party when it was in the minority and proclaims that autonomy as it had always been demanded by the home rule party of Cuba.

Under this policy as applied to Cuba, the island will have a system on the lines of those of Canada or of the American states, maintaining its individuality on all international affairs and yet retaining its place as a part of the federal system. It will have a viceroy, or governor general, as is always the case in the mantenance of a colonial system such as that of Australia, New Zealand or Canada. The island will have its own legislature, chosen directly by the people, who will enjoy universal suffrage. From the majority in the legislature, the governor general will choose his ministry, consisting of a president of the ministry and four ministers, namely, minister of the interior, minister of public works, minister of public instruction and minister of finance. At the same time Cuba will have representation in the Spanish cortes, as well as her local legislature. The representatives to the cortes will also be elected by the people of Cuba, through universal suffrage, and will not be elected by the ministry, as has been eroneously stated. The ministry will be responsible to the legislature and not to the governor general. The subjects before the legislature will include those of taxation, tariff, pubic instruction and all matters of the internal administration of the island, in the broadest sense of the

Vessels Wrecked in the Storm

Caue May, N. J., October 27.-While the hurricane has practically passed, its effects on the Jersey coast and in Delaware bay and river are still sorely felt, and shipping casualties continue to be reported. The steamer more, which broke her main shaft during the blow, was found drifting tonight ten miles off the capes, and was brought to harbor by the steam pilot boat Philadelphia. The British steamer Lumen, Philadelphia, for Gotehenburg, grounded above Lincoln park today, but was floated by tugs, after disis anchored at League island. The schooner Emma B. Shaw, which grounded on Reedy island dyke yesterday and subsequently floated, again ternoon. grounded off Reedy Island light. The her crew last night, was in eighteen feet of water and her cargo is washing ashore. The steamer Mavoyck, from Boston, reports passing between Atlantic City and Cape May, a lot of wreckage, and in Delaware bay, a Tonight the wind is moderate, but a is attempting to work a deal with the drizzling rain is falling, with heavy fog.

An Indian Outbreak in Colorado Washington, October 27.-General Otis, commanding the department of Colora-

do, has telegraphed Adjutant General Breck, as follows, touching the Indian autoreak in Colorado: "Denver, Colo., October 27.

"To the Adjutant General: "A telegram of last night to Governor of Colorado reports an engagement between the state game wardens and the Ute Indians at Thompson's, near Lilly park, on Snake river, sixty miles east from Duchesne, in which five Indians were killed, but no whites. A telegram of this afternoon from Lieutenant Kirkman, commanding Camp Pilot, Butte, Wyo., reports that scouts just arrived. say there was an engagement at Thompson's last evening at 5 o'clock p. m., between Ute Indians and game wardens, in which two bucks, one squaw, one pa-poose and two wardens were killed. Duchesne was notified this morning and information asked, and this afternoon have directed Wright's troop of cavalry to the scene of reported disturbances. rected to be held in readiness to proceed to Duchesne. A heavy snow storm is prevailing and the telegraph lines are working badly. If affairs look serious, will draw on Fort Douglass. (Signed.)

Brigadier General Commanding.

Lee Soon to Sail for Havana

Richmond, Va., October 27.-Consul General Fitzhugh Lee said today that he expected to remain here until next to New York and said for Cuba.

DYNAMITE SUGGESTED

As the Cause of the Accident to the New York Central Train-Other Theories Advanced by Railway Men

Cold Springs, N. Y., October 27 .-President Depew's opinion that the disaster of Sunday morning on the New York Central railway was the result of a dynamite explosion by enemies of the corporation finds many upholders among railway officials and citizens familiar with the conditions. "If the embankment of the railway was torn up by dynamite, the motive of those who did it was not robbery, but revenge," was the statement made by one of the officials of the road today. A rigorous investigation is being made, and at least one man may be arrested today.

When the party of twenty-six road masters of the New York Central system arrived at the scene early Monday morning, and commenced a critical survey of the section of the embankment, which had been either washed or blown out, one of the road masters, a man who had great experience in the use of dynamite, said that the excavation looked to him very much like the work of dynamite. The tendency of dynamite is to blast downward rather than upward, and one of the most expert track builders of the railroad system said a very light charge of dynamite would have collapsed a the section in question. The locomotive was found in the river at least thirty feet south of the depression in the track, which makes it seem reasonably certain that the engine leaped the space before it started on its plunge into the bottom of the river. It is known that the engineer had shut off his steam and applied the air brakes to the train before the crash came and those circumstances lead the officials to believe that the engineer before he went into the river with his engine. Still it is admitted that he would have instantly applied the brakes the moment that he felt his engine sinking.

General Manager Toucey, of the New York Central, believes that the disaster was caused by a break in the engine's machinery. Mr. Toucey said today: "I believe something broke on the engine and ploughed up the ground and jarred the road bed so that it loosened and slid into the river. The sudden stopping of the speed of the train caused the cars to double up on each other and helped to loosen the road bed. That is what I believe caused the accident. That is the conclusion I reached from my investigation of the facts. If there had been a dynamite explosion before the train reached that place, the engine could not have passed over it and seventy-five feet this side, as it did."

ANOTHER SUSPECT

Ball Allen Arrested for Assault on Miss Cole-Taken to Raleigh-Released on Telegram Stating His Innocenc Was Proven

(Special to The Messenger.) Rockingham, N. C., October 27.-Today Ball Allen, a young white man, was arrested under suspicion of being; Slight frosts prevailed at the latter place the assailant of Miss Cole, and the sheriff at once sent him to Raleigh for safe keeping. His friends claim that they can prove an alibi; if so he will be liberated; but if not he will be brought back for identification and conviction.

Everything is perfectly quiet, as the people feel assured that the authorities will do all in their power to find and convict the fiend.

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., October 27.—Deputy Sheriff Morrison brought here from Richmond county and jailed Ball Allen, Rubenstein, from Sunderland for Balti- white, aged 19 years, suspected of the assault on Miss Cole at Rockingham. The evidence is circumstantial, persons saying they saw Ball running near the scene. Morrison says there is more evidence against Ball than against any so far arrested. A telegram to charging part of her cargo of oil and him from Cameron Marrison said there was positive evidence of Ball's innocence. He took the latter back this af-

Italian bark Francisco R., deserted by Butler's Charge Against the Railway Com-

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., October 27.-Senator Butler says in his paper today it has information which leads it to believe sloop yacht, lying on her beam ends. the Western Union Telegraph Company railway commission, and that the plan seems to be to remand the injunction case to the commission from the federal courts, and then have the message rate fixed at 25 cents, on condition that the company pays more taxes.

Bryan Begins His Ohio Campaign

Van Wert, Ohio, October 27.-W. J. Bryan began a short campaigning tour Mr. and Mrs. Densmore came from in Ohio this morning. He traveled in a private car. The first meeting was at Montpelier, where an audience of 5,000 persons from all parts of the county had assembled. Mr. Bryan questioned the honesty of the vote of Ohio last year and then took up the silver question. From Montpelier the train was hurried to Defiance, where an afternoon meeting was held. There was a large crowd at the depot as the train arived in Defiance and crowds had assembled at the stations along the way. An audience of 5,000 people, a majority of whom were republicans, it is said, listened to the Defiance speech.

Catarrh is a Disease

Which requires a constitutional remedy. It cannot be cured by local applications. Hood's Sarsaparilla is wonderfully successfully in curing catarrh because it eradicates from the blood the scrofulous taints which cause it. Sufferers with catarrh find a cure in Hood's Sarsaparilla, even after other remedies utterly fail.

Hood's Pills are prompt, efficient, al-

THE YELLOW FEVER

NO SIGNS OF STAMPING IT OUT AT NEW ORLEANS

Forty Nine New Cases and Eight Deatl s There-The Health Officials Not Alarmed. Five New Cases and Two Deaths at Mem phis-The Dally Record Lowered in Other Infected Places Except at Biloxi. People Still Leaving Memphis.

Montgomery, Ala., October 27.-Selma's board of health today reported no new cases and no deaths. The citizens have quieted down and business is looking up. New Orleans, October 27.-The warm weather which prevailed here today has

had an appreciable effect on the yellow fever situation, there being a high death rate, but, despite this fact, the situation as compared with that of yesterday. which was not reassuring, is about the same. The board of health officials are not at all alarmed and are untiring in their efforts to confine the disease, though it is admitted that the cases will not fall off until colder weather puts in. Today the camp of detention at Oakland park was closed. Dr. George B. Lawranzon, who was coroner under the last administration, is among the new cases. Edwin Haag, son of ex-Councilman Haag. is also down with the fever. Among the deaths is Catherine L. Butterworth, the 10-year-old daughter of Dr. W. W. Butterworth. The increased daily death rate is convincing the unbelievers that the prevailing fever is genuine yellow The fumigating corps is being worked as hard as it can go, being sent from one end of the city to the other. There were forty-nine new cases and eight deaths today. Mobile, Ala., October 27.-The record for

today is three deaths and five new cases. Total cases to date 224, deaths 29, recoveries 161, under treatment 34. Jackson, Miss., October 27.-A statesaw that something was wrong with ment issued by the state board of health the track in time to apply the brakes tonight shows that there have been two new cases of yellow fever at Cayu one case near Raymond today. No new cases are reported from the other infected points.

> The authorities have not as yet set a definite date when refugees will be allowed to return to the city. Montgomery, Ala., October 27 .- The official report of the board of health at noon today makes seven cases for the day. Previously reported, 70, no deaths today. All these new cases are in the same section of the town where the first case was located. There have been a number of recoveries, but as yet none of the doctors have reported them.

record in Memphis for twenty-four hours ending tonight. The weather continues warm. Another thousand people left the city during the day and evening. Biloxi, Miss., October 27.-The record is: Yellow fever under treatment 50, new cases today 17, suspicious yellow fever 1, total yellow fever cases today 553, total deaths to date 21.

Memphis, Tenn., October 27.-Five new

cases and two deaths is the yellow fever

Scranton, Miss., October 27.-There were here today nine new cases and one death, colored. Pascogoula, Miss.-New cases 2. Bay St. Louis, Miss.-New cases 5. McHenry, Miss.-One new case. Baton Rouge, La.-One new case,

At Cayuga, Miss.-Two cases. There were no new cases reported at Edwards, Clinton and New Albany, Miss., and at Selma, Ala., there have been no new cases and no deaths for three days. last night.

Rescued From a Sinking Vessel

Queenstown, October 27 .- The Cunard line steamer Catalonia, Captain Stephens, from Boston on October 16th for Liverpool, via this port, arrived here today after having been delayed by the heavy weather which has prevailed recently in the Atlantic. During a gale on Wednesday last, October 20th, in latitude 41.46 N., and longitude 50.05 W., the Catalonia sighted the French fishing schooner Vague, of St. Malo, dismasted, sinking and signaling for assistance. Captain Stephens took off the crew of the Vague, numbering twenty-one men and boys. He reports that the schooner could not have floated more than a few hours longer, and that her boats would have soon been swamped if the fishermen had succeed-

ed in launching them. The rescue of the crew of the Vegue was a very hazardous proceeding. Two boats, manned by volunteers, were lowered from the Catalonia in the middle of the night. The sea was running very high at the time and the sky is described as being "pitch dark." After a desperate battle with the waves, the French fishermen were taken off the sinking schooner and landed safely on board the Cunarder, where they were profuse in their expressions of thanks for their deliverance.

Hopes of Mrs. Maybrick's Releas

Chicago, October 27.-Dr. Helen Densmore, of California and London, arrived at the Auditorium Annex hotel with her husband, Dr. Emmet Densmore. She has been actively engaged in Mrs. Florence Maybrick's case for four years and for the first time she expresses hope that the unfortunate woman will soon be at liberty. In addition to the statement given by Mrs. Densmore, John Smellings, of Australia, who has been in London for two years, says it will be but two months until Mrs. Maybrick is a free woman. London direct.

"At present I would much rather not talk about the world famous Maybrick case," said Mrs. Densmore. "But, I will say that it is only a matter of weeks until this poor woman is free. Lord Russell has again taken up the case and he is using all his influence in behalf of Mrs. Maybrick. The petition signed by 100,000 persons had no influence on the English courts at all, but now we have not only the leading citizens, but the main officials on our side. I feel sure that she will soon be free.' Mr. Densmore and wife will leave for California today and return to England in about six weeks.

Money for Purchase of the Union Pacific London, October 28 .- The Times in its financial article this morning says: We understand that British capitalists promised only £1,000,000 toward the purchase of the Union Pacific railway, the other £9,000,000 being found in the United States. Moreover, half of that £1,000,000 has since been taken over by American capitalists, so that only £500,000 will leave London, while the United States government is not expected to disturb Vernment in not expected to disturb vernment ment is not expected to disturb New York by blocking up a hole with £10,000,600, but will leave it with the banks on filbusters from ports in the United

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ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

Minister Woodford Cables a Synopsie of Spain's Answer-Officials Refuse to Bl-

vulge its Contents - The Language Not

Offensive

Washington, October 27.-The event of the day at the state department the receipt of the long expected cablegram from United States Minister Woodford at Madrid, transmitting the answer of the Spanish government to his representations in the interest of peace in Cuba. This message began to come in installments at 2 o'clock last night, and it was nearly noon today before it was all in hand at the state department. It was not the length of the message that occupied the wires all of that time, out the fact that it was all in groups of figures. and that it was probably being filed in small batches as it was turned into the complicated state department cipher in Madrid. All of this work had to be undone at the state department and the message translated from the cipher back again into good English. This occupied nearly all of the day so that it was 3:30 o'clock before the first fair copy of the message was turned out. It was not so long; in fact there were a little less than 1,000 words in the message, for Mr. Woodford, instead of cabling the whole of the Spanish answer to his note, had contented himself with reducing the matter to a brief outline. The first copy was taken at once to the president, not being entrusted to a messenger, but being delivered by Chief Clerk Michaels in person at the White house. After due opportunity had been allowed the president to read the message, an application was made for a statement of its contents or nature. This was declined by Secretary Porter and it was said that under no circumstances would the correspondence be made public before consideration by the cabinet.

From unofficial information that has reached certain administration officials in advance of this message of Mr. Woodford's, as to the nature of the Spanish reply, it is evident that in neither language nor subject matter is the communication likely to be taken as offensive by our government. It may be, it is true, regarded as insufficient to meet the issue presented by Mr. Woodford in his note, but officials of the state department say that in view of what has already been accomplished by the new Spanish cabinet in reforming abuses in Cuba, in removing Weyler and in projecting what appears to be a liberal measure of autonomy, our government will certainly rest, at least until congress assembles, and afford the new Spanish government a reasonable time to carry out its plans.

The Stranded Steamer Polaria Norfolk, Va., October 27.-The Ger-

man freight and passenger steamer Polaria, from Galveston on October 18th, for Hamburg, via Norfolk, which went ashore off Cape Henry last night lies in practically the same position tonight. None of her crew or of the small number of passengers aboard her have been landed, but the ship is resting easily and is in no immediate damger of breaking up. The life saving crew have been strenuously endeavoring throughout the day to get a In to the stranded ship. They have fired the Lyle gun nine times, but each time the shot carrying the line fell short 🕊 the ship. The heavy surf which being piled up by the wild nother gale has prevented their launching boat. Wrecking tugs were sent from this city early in the day and the Merritt Wrecking Company, which has the contract to float the Polaria, got a New to her from the tug Jones, which pulled on her unsuccessfully. She is no lying alongside, ready to render aid case the steamer shows signs of break ing up.

Race Between Robert J. and John R. (

Nashville, Tenn., October 27 .- This afternoon more than 5,000 were Cumberland park to witness the races between Robert J. and John R. Gentry. and also the pair attempting to lower the double team pacing record. The track was smooth, the day perfect and no wind, but the track lacked on thing, elasticty. The long continued drouth seemed to have absorbed all the moisture, leaving the track below the surface hard. The two horses got of well and it was a race in each heat until the stretch was reached, when Robert J. broke badly each time the large crowd was enthusiastic and cheered the winner lustily. Time 2:0714

The attempt to drive the pair against the double team record failed. Several efforts were made to get them to but both broke so badly and frequently that the trial was abandoned.

Spain Makes Denial

Madrid, October 27.-A formal denial was issued by the government of Spain today of the statement that the Spanish minister at Washington, Senor Depuy de Lome, had presented to the government of the United States note on the subject of filibustering expeditions which are alleged to have left American ports for Cuba. The Spanis minister, it is explained, only made a verbal complaint to the government at